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SUBJECT: BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY QUERY

THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF PROPOSED HMG RESPONSE TO WRITTEN
PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO BE GIVEN IN BOTH COMMONS AND
HOUSE OF LORDS ON FEBRUARY 5. IT IS PROVIDED ON EX-
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"IN RESPONSE TO A PROPOSAL BY THE US GOVERNMENT AND IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1966 ANGLO-AMERICAN AGREEMENT (CMND 3231) HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE EXPANSION OF THE FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA. THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS INVOLVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANCHORAGE AND TO THE AIRFIELD AS WELL AS TO THE SHORE FACILITIES.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAVE LONG FELT THAT IT IS DESIRABLE IN THE GENERAL WESTERN INTEREST TO BALANCE INCREASE SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. ACCORDINGLY THEY WELCOME THE EXPANSION OF THE US FACILITIES WHICH WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR BRITISH USE. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE US AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO CONSULT PERIODICALLY ON JOINT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES, TO INCLUDE MILITARY ACTIVITIES, IN THE AREA.

AS REGARDS THE USE OF THE EXPANDED FACILITIES IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE US AND BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES IN DIEGO GARCIA WILL INFORM EACH OTHER OF INTENDED MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THE USE OF THE FACILITIES WOULD BE A MATTER FOR THE JOINT DECISION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. A FORMAL AGREEMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED IN DUE COURSE." KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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